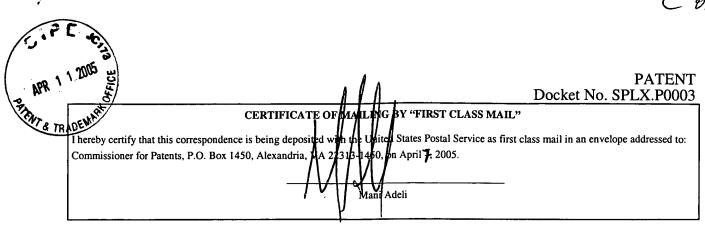
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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the claims, column 40, line 14, after "identifying an attribute of the connection graph." should read --identifying an attribute of the connection graph; and

d) using the identified attribute to identify a placement for circuit modules of the net.--

In the claims, column 40, line 41, after "The method of claim 1 further comprising calculating the cost of a placement layout within the region from the identified connection-graph attribute." should read --The method of claim 1 wherein using the identified attribute comprises calculating the cost of a placement layout within the region from the identified connection-graph attribute.--

In the claims, column 40, line 54, after "identifying an attribute of the new connection graph." should read --identifying an attribute of the new connection graph; and

d) using the identified attribute of the new connection graph to identify the placement for the net.--

In the claims, column 41, line 1, after "calculating a cost of an initial placement configuration within the region by using the identified attributes." should read --wherein using the identified attribute comprises calculating a cost of an initial placement configuration within the region by using the identified attributes.--

In the claims, column 41, line 23, after "b) calculating a cost of an initial placement configuration within the divided sub-region by using the identified attributes." should read --c) calculating a cost of an initial placement configuration within the divided sub-region by using the identified attributes.--

In the claims, column 42, line 1, after "for each particular grouping of slots of said grid, constructing a connection graph that models the topology of interconnect lines needed to connect

said particular group of slots;" should readfor each particular grouping of slots of said grid, constructing a connection graph that models the topology of interconnect lines needed to connect said particular group of slots, said connection graph having an edge that is completely or partially diagonal;

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